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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
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Dear Supervisors:

AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND SIGN A FORTHCOMING AMENDMENT TO STANDARD AGREEMENT NUMBER 16-10720 AND FUTURE AWARDS AND/OR AMENDMENTS FROM THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH TO SUPPORT CORE SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED DISEASES PROGRAM MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR THE PERIOD OF JULY 1, 2018 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2019 AND DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO EXECUTE AMENDMENTS TO TWO PREVENTION SERVICES CONTRACTS (ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

Provide authorization to accept and sign a forthcoming amendment to Standard Agreement Number 16-10720 from the California Department of Public Health to support Core Sexually Transmitted Diseases Program Management Services within Los Angeles County and delegated authority to execute amendments to two Prevention services contracts.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or her designee, to accept and sign a forthcoming amendment to Standard Agreement (SA) Number 16-10720, from the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), to accept a one-time only award in an amount estimated not to exceed \$619,732, for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, to support additional Core Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Program Management services subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).

2. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or her designee to execute an amendment to Contract Number PH-000805 with APLA Health & Wellness (AHW) to increase the annual maximum



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obligation by \$193,858, for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, for the provision of additional STD screening, diagnosis, and treatment services; 100 percent offset by forthcoming CDPH funds, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the CEO.

3. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or her designee to execute an amendment to Contract Number H-701701 with Los Angeles LGBT Center (LGBT) to increase the annual maximum obligation by \$393,589, for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, for the provision of additional STD screening, diagnosis, and treatment services; 100 percent offset by forthcoming CDPH funds, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the CEO.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of Recommendation 1 will allow DPH to accept and sign a forthcoming amendment from CDPH for Core STD Program Management SA Number 16-10720 to continue to expand and implement evidence-based public health activities to proactively address STDs within the local health jurisdiction (LHJ), with an emphasis on the prevention and control of infectious syphilis, congenital syphilis, gonorrhea (GC), and chlamydia trachomatis (CT) infection.

Approval of Recommendation 1 will also allow DPH to utilize new CDPH funding to increase STD testing in high disease burden areas, as well as support Partner Service (PS) Training for County of Los Angeles (County) Public Health Nurses (PHNs). This training will increase the skills and capacity of PHNs to deliver partner services to residents in Los Angeles County (LAC). Acceptance of these funds will help assure timely access to quality clinical services; verification of appropriate STD treatment; investigation of reported cases, unusual diseases, or outbreaks; identification of a STD patient's sexual and social network contacts and referrals for examination and/or treatment to prevent further disease transmission or complications; and health education and health promotion activities to prevent STDs and enhance awareness of STDs among medical providers and individuals at risk for STDs within the community.

Approval of Recommendations 2 and 3 will allow DPH to amend two STD-related contracts to increase funding to provide additional STD testing in two high disease burden areas of the County; Service Planning Areas (SPAs) 4 and 6. To support increased STD testing using the one-time only funding, DPH will amend the AHW HIV Testing Services (HTS) contract given the high volume of STD testing that is needed in SPA 6. While DPH currently funds other community-based agencies to provide HIV testing in SPA 6, these agencies do not provide STD testing, which is the required service component of the funding. DPH is also proposing to amend the LGBT STD Screening contract due to increasing client demand for STD testing services in SPA 4. LGBT is currently unable to meet the high client demand of STD services without additional resources. If approved, AHW will provide an additional 250 STD screening, diagnosis, and treatment sessions and LGBT will provide an additional 1,000 screening, diagnosis, and treatment sessions.

DPH's optional activity under the grant includes the PS training for County PHNs. DPH is proposing four (4) PS trainings for County PHNs.

DPH will return to your Board at a later date to determine future funding and terms for the entire STD Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment contracts. All HTS services will be extended through December 31, 2019, under a separate action using DPH's delegated authority approved by the Board on December 13, 2016.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Strategy I.2, Enhance Our Delivery of Comprehensive Interventions, of the County’s Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

DPH will accept a forthcoming amendment to SA Number 16-10720 from CDPH to increase funding in an amount estimated not to exceed \$619,732 to support additional funds for Core STD Program Management services for the period of July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. This increase will support DPH contractual costs for additional STD testing and staff training to support PHN PS trainings.

Funding is included in DPH’s fiscal year (FY) 2018-19 Adopted Budget, and will be included in future FYs, as necessary. There is no net County cost associated with this action.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

On July 24, 2018, DPH was notified by the CDPH STD Control Branch of their intent to award DPH with additional STD prevention and control funds. The funds are to be used for evidence-based public health activities to proactively address STDs in the local health jurisdiction, with an emphasis on the prevention and control of infectious syphilis, congenital syphilis, GC, and CT infection. The Scope of Work will cover five target areas: surveillance, disease intervention, clinical services support, health promotion and education, and policy and communication.

Funds are being distributed to each LHJ using updated data from 2015-2017 based on the following formula: 30 percent of the award based on a weighted 3-year mean population estimate for ages 12-30; and 70 percent of the award based on a weighted 3-year mean of infectious syphilis, GC, and CT cases. Of the \$1.8 million that will be available to the 15 LHJs, Los Angeles County will receive the highest proportion of funds and a total amount of \$619,732.

DPH submitted the required revised scope of work, budget, and budget justification to the CDPH STD Control Branch on August 28, 2018.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of these actions will allow for the enhancement and continuation of STD prevention and control activities in LAC.

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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Barbara Ferrer". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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